

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **15 June 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-39. Claims 1-2, 5, 7, 14, 15, 18, 20, 27, 28, 31, 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Robertson et al. (WO 00/60442 hereinafter "Robertson"). Claims 3-4, 16-17, and 29-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, as being indefinite. Claims 6, 19, and 32 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 14, and 27 to include allowable material from claims 6, 19, and 32 respectively. Claims 6, 19, and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 14, and 27 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-5 and 7-13, which depend upon claim 1, claims 15-18 and 20-26, which depend upon claim 14, and claims 28-31 and 33-39, which depend upon claim 27, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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